

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1-17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) A supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle, which comprises a four-sided horizontal support structure having a left-front corner, a right-front corner, a left-rear corner, a right-rear corner, a front pipe member having ends respectively joined to the left-front and right-front corners, a rear pipe member having ends respectively joined to the left-rear and right-rear corners, a left pipe member respectively having ends joined to the left-front and left-rear corners, a right pipe member respectively having ends joined to the right-front and right-rear corners; vertically extending pillars supporting and joined to said left-front, right-front, left-rear, and right-rear corners; and a connection member diagonally extending between an area adjacent one of the left-front and left-rear corners and a middle area of the right pipe member.

19. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 18, wherein the four-sided horizontal support structure is arranged for supporting a ceiling of the driver's cab.

20. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 18, further comprising a middle pipe member connecting between middle portions of the left and right pipe members.

21. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 18, further comprising a second connection member extending between an area adjacent another one of the left-front and left-rear corners and a middle area of the right pipe member.

22. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 20, wherein the connection member extends between the one of the left-front and left-rear corners and a corner formed between the middle and right pipe members.

23. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 22, further comprising a second connection member extending between another one of the left-front and left-rear corners and another corner formed between the middle and right pipe members.

24. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 18, further comprising another connection member extending between the connection member and the rear pipe member.

25. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 24, wherein the another connection member extends orthogonally from the rear pipe member.

26. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 18, wherein the vertically extending pillars include a left-rear pillar and a right-rear pillar, a transverse member extending between middle portions of the left-rear and right-rear pillars, and another connection member diagonally extending between the left-rear pillar and the right-rear pillar.

27. (currently amended) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim ~~24~~ 26, wherein the another connection member is arranged below the transverse member.

28. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 18, wherein the connection member is

secured within the four-sided horizontal support structure by a mounting bracket including a first flange fitting a horizontal surface of a corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, and a second flange fitting a vertical surface of the corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, the second flange being secured to an end of the connection member.

29. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 19, wherein the connection member is secured within the four-sided horizontal support structure by a mounting bracket including a first flange fitting a horizontal surface of a corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, and a second flange fitting a vertical surface of the corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, the second flange being secured to an end of the connection member.

30. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 20, wherein the connection member is secured within the four-sided horizontal support structure by a mounting bracket including a first flange fitting a horizontal surface of a corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, and a second

flange fitting a vertical surface of the corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, the second flange being secured to an end of the connection member.

31. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 21, wherein the connection member is secured within the four-sided horizontal support structure by a mounting bracket including a first flange fitting a horizontal surface of a corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, and a second flange fitting a vertical surface of the corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, the second flange being secured to an end of the connection member.

32. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 22, wherein the connection member is secured within the four-sided horizontal support structure by a mounting bracket including a first flange fitting a horizontal surface of a corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, and a second flange fitting a vertical surface of the corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, the second flange being secured to an end of the connection member.

33. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 23, wherein the connection member is secured within the four-sided horizontal support structure by a mounting bracket including a first flange fitting a horizontal surface of a corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, and a second flange fitting a vertical surface of the corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, the second flange being secured to an end of the connection member.

34. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 24, wherein the connection member is secured within the four-sided horizontal support structure by a mounting bracket including a first flange fitting a horizontal surface of a corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, and a second flange fitting a vertical surface of the corresponding pipe member of the four-sided horizontal support structure, the second flange being secured to an end of the connection member.

35. (previously presented) The supporting structure for a driver's cab of a work vehicle according to claim 18, wherein the connection member is a

collared pipe-shaped member having a trapezoidal cross-section, the collared pipe-shaped member including a lower member and a flat member, the lower member having flanges at both ends thereof and side flanges extending along sides thereof, the lower member also having a flat bottom and sides extending from edges of the flat bottom at an obtuse angle, and the flat member being bonded to the flanges of the lower member.

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